

REMARKS

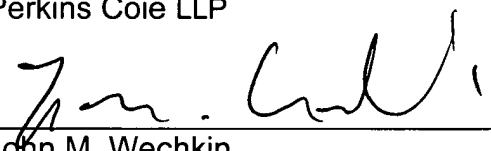
This preliminary amendment accompanies an RCE filed under Rule 1.114. The specification and claims have been amended to clarify that material is deposited on microfeature workpieces at deposition units, and that fluid applied to spinning microfeature workpieces may be distributed over and/or flung from the workpieces by centrifugal force. These clarifications are supported by the originally filed specification and drawings. The changes to the claims do not narrow the scope of the claims.

Claims 29, 58 and 59 have been cancelled and accordingly, claims 1-28, 30-57 and 60-72 are currently pending.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of this preliminary amendment and after the requested one month suspension of action expires. If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 359-3257.

Respectfully submitted,

Perkins Coie LLP



John M. Wechkin
Registration No. 42,216

Date: Jan 15, 2004

Correspondence Address:

Customer No. 25096
Perkins Coie LLP
P.O. Box 1247
Seattle, Washington 98111-1247
(206) 359-8000